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SUBJECT: JAPANESE POSITION ON TONNAGE MEASUREMENT OF SHIPS

1. U.S. COAST GUARD'S ADMEASUREMENT BRANCH RECENTLY
RECEIVED LETTER DATED MARCH 4 FROM S. MATSUZAWA, DIRECTOR,
TONNAGE MEASUREMENT DIVISION, GOJ MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT,
TRANSMITTING PAPER WHICH GOJ PLANS TO SUBMIT TO INTER-
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GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO) IN
LONDON FOR CONSIDERATION BY IMCO'S MARITIME SAFETY COM-
MITTEE (MSC) AT ITS APRIL 18-22 MEETING (36TH SESSION).

2. GOJ PAPER OPPOSES US-SUPPORTED "DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO AN INTERIM SCHEME FOR
TONNAGE MEASUREMENT OF CERTAIN SHIPS" WHICH MSC PLANS

TO COMPLETE DURING APRIL 18-22 SESSION. WE UNDERSTAND GOJ PAPER WAS ALSO SENT TO GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, FRG, GREECE, ITALY, NORWAY, NETHERLANDS, USSR, AND UK- ALL OF AFOREMENTIONED COUNTRIES EXCEPT FRANCE SUPPORTED RESOLUTION DURING PREVIOUS SESSION OF MSC.

3. DRAFT RESOLUTION ADDRESSES EXTENT TO WHICH GROSS TONNAGES COMPUTED UNDER EXISTING NATIONAL TONNAGE MEASUREMENT RULES SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE USED DURING AN INTERIM PERIOD TO DETERMINE APPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS OF THE

SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA (SOLAS) CONVENTION IN FORCE TO CERTAIN VESSELS WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE 1969 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON TONNAGE MEASUREMENT. IMMEDIATE APPLICATION OF 1969 CONVENTION TONNAGE FORMULA TO NEW SHIPS WOULD PLACE CERTAIN TYPES OF SHIPS UNDER MORE STRINGENT SOLAS REQUIREMENTS, CREATING SUBSTANTIAL COST AND COMPETITIVENESS PROBLEMS FOR THEIR OWNERS. OBJECT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION IS TO URGE COUNTRIES TO DEFER APPLI-

CATION OF 1969 CONVENTION TONNAGE IN DETERMINING APPLICABILITY OF SOLAS AND SIMILAR CONVENTIONS TO NEW SHIPS DURING A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD WHILE THE TONNAGE BOUNDARIES OF THESE CONVENTIONS ARE RECONSIDERED AND POSSIBLY RENEGOTIATED WITHIN IMCO. U.S. BELIEVES THIS APPROACH IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH REQUIREMENTS OF TONNAGE CONVENTION, ALTHOUGH JAPANESE APPEAR TO QUESTION THIS.

4. COAST GUARD SENT MATSUZAWA FORMAL REPLY ON MARCH 24 UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPLAINING US SUPPORT FOR DRAFT RESOLUTION. JAPANESE EMBASSY SHIPPING OFFICER ALSO CONFERRED WITH COAST GUARD AND DEPARTMENT ON MARCH 28 ON THIS MATTER AND IS BELIEVED TO HAVE CABLED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF US POSITION TO MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT IN TOKYO.

5. FOR PARIS, BONN, ATHENS, ROME, OSLO, THE HAGUE, MOSCOW AND LONDON: POSTS SHOULD INQUIRE OF HOST GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES REGARDING NATURE OF RESPONSE OR REACTION TO JAPANESE PAPER.

6. FOR TOKYO: PLEASE REPORT ON GOJ REACTIONS TO RESPONSES RECEIVED TO JAPANESE PAPER, ESPECIALLY TO RESPONSE BY USG.

7. POSTS REQUESTED TO REPLY BY APRIL 10 IF POSSIBLE.
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